

**Village of Hales Corners
5635 S. New Berlin Road
Hales Corners, WI 53130**

**JULY 4TH COMMITTEE
Minutes
May 11th, 2023-6:30pm**

- 1.0 Call to Order & Roll Call-** Called to order at 6:35pm. Present:
I. Thomson, D. Besson, N. Wilkes, M. Eternicka, E.Valaitis, K. Habacz, A. Henner,
J. Bahr
- 2.0 Minutes-** March 9th and April 14th minutes were approved.
- 3.0 Safety Review** – Officer Henner provided a safety review.
- 4.0 Treasure’s Report**
 - M. Eternicka provided an update on the financials.
 - Deposits on Fireworks and Portable Restrooms have been made.
 - A \$750 donation from the Hales Corners Lion Club was received and will be reflected in the next financial report.
 - 4th of July Committee earned \$400 in sales and donations at the Festival Foods Brat Stand held Sunday, May 7th.
- 5.0 Permits & Contracts**
 - The Park and Pool House Application has been approved, D, Besson will confirm that the park permit does include approval for Beer Sales.
- 6.0 Food & Drink Donations**
 - I. Thomson has submitted the online request with Festival Foods for 750 ice cream sandwiches for the Children’s parade/games for pick up Mon. 7/3 6pm
 - N. Wilkes reported two food vendors are in the process of completing applications for vending- Firewise BBQ and Dippin Dots.
 - Discussed location of food trucks and it was decided to locate food trucks in the pool parking lot along the south walkway. 90 feet or 16 parking stalls are needed. This area will be cordoned off. Food Trucks have the option to set up before 6am or after 9:45am.
 - N. Wilkes reported a beer vendor has been secured- Perspectives Brewery. Beer vendor will set up in front of the pool house. Set up time of noon was discussed and selling times will be finalized at the next meeting. The committee would like to set up tables and chairs to create a beer garden area. The committee will look into using some of the tables and chairs currently stored in the pool house.

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Events

- 7.1 **Firecracker Four** – J. Bahr provided updates.
- Striders have their park permit.
 - Festival Food confirmed their refreshments donations.
 - A new website link for registration was posted on the 4th of July committee Face Book page.
 - It was discussed and determined that race pack pick-up would-be July 3rd at the Pool House times (?) 10 am – 2 or 3pm.
- 7.2 **Car Show**
- D. Besson and D. Duston are working on the Car Show
- 7.3 **Children's Parade**
- Flags were ordered.
 - Whitnall Middle School Band will not be available to play prior to the start of the children's parade this year.
 - E. Valaitis will order medals.
 - K. Hubacz provided N. Wilkes with the children's parade categories and judging criteria to post on the 4th of July committee website.
 - It was discussed that the HCE-Janesville Entrance parking lot would be open for families to park during the children's parade and games. Afterwards that parking lot will be closed- no entrance or exit from noon-5pm. Signage will be made.
- 7.4 **Children's Games**
- J. Bahr will plug in the freezer at the pool house at 10am when she sets up for Firecracker 4 package pick up.
 - E. Valaitis and Karen Hubacz will pick up ice cream sandwiches and put them in pool house freezer 7/3 6pm.
 - Dan O'Donnell has agreed to emcee the children's parade awards and children's games.
 - E. Valaitis will set up ice cream & field games.
 - E. Valaitis will secure judges for field games.
 - I. Thomson will take care of the water balloons.
 - I. Thomson will mark the field for the games.
 - N. Wilkes will post the Field Game Listing on the 4th of July website.
- 7.5 **Patriotic Pet Costume Contest**
- N. Wilkes reminded the committee of the ALL THINGS WISCONSIN theme.
 - Adding two new prizes: Most Photogenic and Best Trick
 - N. Wilkes securing prizes.
- 7.6 **Pie Baking Contest**
- I. Thomson will coordinate.
 - E. Valaitis will order medals.
 - Same as Past Years

7.7 **Hot Dog Eating Contest will fill in the Bed Race Time Slot for 2023**

- Bed Races will take a skip year this year and return next year under a new coordinator. Coordinator needed for 2024.
- Since vendor for had already ordered supplies to make the 1st place bed race trophies, the committee decided to purchase trophies which have no date and keep on hand for future race.
- The Hot Dog Eating Contest will replace bed race. 1pm HCE Janesville parking lot. The contest will be structured as the following weight classes: under 100 lbs., 100-200 lbs. and 200+lbs. Limited to 12 participants per weight class, pre-registration is required to guarantee a spot. Participants under the age of 18 will require parental consent. Within each division, contestants will be given six hot dogs with buns and a cup of water. The 1st person within their division to finish all six hot dogs and buns is the champion.
- Tables will be set up along the fence and spectators will be in the HCE parking lot.
- I. Thomson will submit a request for donation of 250 hot dogs and 250 buns
- M. Eternicka offered to MC the contest.

7.8 **Big Parade**

- I. Thomson reported some popular units are returning and he continues to secure unit contracts.
- Still need transportation for the Trustees, I. Thomson will check into a Trolley.
- Whitnall Cheer will perform at the pool house at the end of the parade.
- 2023 Grand Marshalls are The Hales Corners 1st Responders.

7.8.1 **Parade Review Stand**

- M. Eternicka and crew will construct review stand 7/3 at the library.
- M. Eternicka or I. Thomson will check with the library so that construction is not in an area that will interfere with the Library's Book Sale.

7.9 **Fireworks**

- As reported previously, Wolverine contract is secured, and initial payment made.

8.0 **New Events**

8.1 **Friends of Library Book Sale**

- Friends of Library will be hosting a book sale throughout the 4th of July weekend.

9.0 Publicity

9.1 Flyer -

- N. Wilkes presented committee members with a draft of the flyer.
- N. Wilkes asked committee members to review their sections of the Schedule of events and make any updates.
- Flyer Theme updated to: LET FREEDOM RING

9.2 Website

- N. Wilkes confirmed Hales Corners 4th of July website is set and flyers, rules and regulations pdf forms should be posted.

8.0 Set Next Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, June 1st 6:30pm
- Thursday, June 22nd 6:30pm

9.0 Adjournment 8:19 pm M. Eternicka made motion to adjourn with 2nd by I. Thomson